IMPORTANT CHANGES IN TOLLING SYSTEM FOR HEAVY VEHICLES IN SLOVENIA AS OF 1.4.2018 – DarsGo System

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia has informed us of the introduction of a new electronic tolling system in free traffic flow for all the vehicles whose maximum permissible weight exceeds 3.5 tonnes (heavy vehicles), called DarsGo system, from 1st of April 2018 onwards.

DarsGo System will be introduced overnight and without a proper information well distributed among the end-users (transport companies, drivers of heavy vehicles, etc.) some considerable disruptions could be expected.

Having in mind the number of complaints that had targeted primarily Slovenian Embassies abroad when the new tolling system for passenger cars was introduced in 2008 (vignettes) we are now acting well in advance to inform all the stakeholders in the transport industry to prevent anger, bad temper, lost time and money.

When the barriers will be lifted on Easter Sunday next year (on midnight between 31. March and 1. April 2018) all heavy vehicles have to be ready for the new DarsGo System. Enforcement will be in place from the very beginning and there will be no "transitional period" for offenders, and no excuses accepted. If not complying with the requirements of the DarsGo system, the vehicle will be blacklisted, a fine will have to be paid or a vehicle will be clamped.

We are kindly asking you, to help raise the awareness of these changes in time and help distributing the enclosed information letter and a leaflet about the DarsGo system. Leaflets have been prepared in 14 languages - all combined with English; if none of them would target the end-users under your authority, we are kindly asking you to prepare a piece of information in your mother tongue, based on information given in the attachments.

In attached documents some basic principles of the DarsGo system are explained, a map with "DarsGo servis" offices is drawn and all the necessary contact information given.

Do not hesitate to call DarsGo user call canter on the telephone number: +386 1 518 8 350 or send an e-mail to: <u>info@darsgo.si</u> if you need any additional information.